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Dear Ted:

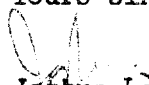
Thank you for your invitation to attend the conference on ascites tumors in New York next Spring. I hope you did not have too much trouble justifying my appearance; my interest in the field is not matched by my knowledge of it. I would like the opportunity to present a not very original appeal, to consider these cell populations in the same light as microorganisms, and for it, to take advantage of what we have already learned about mutation, selection and recombination in the latter. I am not sure that this can be considered a discussion of Klein's paper, rather than the field as a whole, but I do know that he (no less than yourself) shares this viewpoint. Also there tends, sometimes, to be some loose thinking on the microbial analogies so that it may be useful to have some representation from this discipline.

The program looks wonderful- the only complaint I can see about it is that there is too much in it, and it is going to be a challenge to assimilate it all. The publication should help that.

I was disappointed that Lettre has not agreed, formally, to discuss his work on "recombination" of mitochondria + granulafrei cells. I have been surprised not to have seen any reports on attempted confirmation; what do you think of it all?

Finally, let me take the occasion to beg you to continue my name on your mailings of your reprints, a favor I will be delighted to reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,


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